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Statement from Secretary Bruce McPherson's Office Regarding State Ballot Pamphlet

Sacramento -- The Secretary of State's Press Office has received calls inquiring about the marked-up text of the ballot initiatives on our website. We want to provide clarity to the buzz circulating among capitol insiders.

Secretary Bruce McPherson placed on public display the text of the ballot initiatives that were marked up, containing proofreader and copy-editing marks by the Legislative Analyst's Office. The Secretary of State has always done this for all initiatives during the mandatory 20-day public display period.